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Honorable Laura Taylor Swain United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York

Re: Ognibene v. Schwarz

08 CV 1335 (LTS) (THK)

Dear Judge Swain:

I am writing on behalf of the defendants in the above-referenced action to request a leave from the Court to exceed the 25-page limit imposed by Your Honor's Individual Practices. In addition to opposing the plaintiffs' motion for injunctive relief, defendants will be cross-moving for summary judgment. Along with defendants' legal arguments, the papers will include a factual statement that briefly traces the history of the Campaign Finance Act, explain in some detail the operation of the provisions of the Act challenged by the plaintiffs, and discuss the legislative history underlying those provisions to demonstrate the substantiality of the governmental interests thereby advanced. As a consequence, defendants respectfully request leave to file a consolidated memorandum, both in opposition to plaintiffs' motion and in support of defendants' cross-motion for summary judgment, of no more than 50 pages. I have conveyed this request to plaintiffs' counsel, Joe La Rue, who will only agree to a ten-page enlargement.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan Pines

Assistant Corporation Counsel

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Re:

Ognibene v. Schwarz 08 CV 1335 (LTS) (TDK)

Plaintiffs' Response to Defendants'

Request for Enlargement of Time

Honorable Laura Taylor Swain United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York

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#### Dear Judge Swain:

We represent the Plaintiffs in the above-referenced matter.

Jon Pines, counsel for the Defendants, has requested our consent to a 50 page limit for their response memorandum to plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction. We communicated to counsel that plaintiffs will consent to a 10 page enlargement, but no more. Mr. Pines has now asked this Court to grant them a 25 page enlargement. We respectfully ask the Court to deny this request.

A cross motion for summary judgment is in actuality an opposition to plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. Defendants are entitled to only one brief to oppose plaintiffs motion for preliminary injunction—not two. This Court's rules only allow 25 pages for that brief. See Individual Practices of Judge Laura Taylor Swain, Rule 2.H.

In a spirit of conciliation, plaintiffs offered to agree to a 10 page enlargement. Plaintiffs believe a brief of 35 pages should be sufficient to respond to plaintiffs' arguments and educate the Court to what defendants believe are the important issues and facts. Allowing more than that Honorable Laura Taylor Swain July 30, 2008 Page 2

increases the risk that the Court will be forced to wade through irrelevant issues and arguments and increases the burden on both sets of counsel – not to mention to cost to both parties.

For the foregoing reasons, plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court deny defendants' request for a 25 page enlargement. Plaintiffs remain agreeable to a 10 page enlargement.

Sincerely,

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